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VAW-124 COMMAND HISTORY
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CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS

01 JAN - 19 JAN 1990	NORVA
20 JAN - 31 JAN 1990	CVN-72 SHAKEDOWN CRUISE
01 FEB - 15 FEB 1990	CVN-72 SHAKEDOWN CRUISE
16 FEB - 19 FEB 1990	INPORT - FT. LAUDERDALE, FL
20 FEB - 23 FEB 1990	CVN-72 TIGER CRUISE
24 FEB - 28 FEB 1990	NORVA
01 MAR - 08 MAR 1990	NORVA
09 MAR - 13 MAR 1990	CVN-71 CQ
14 MAR - 31 MAR 1990	NORVA
01 APR - 05 APR 1990	NORVA
06 APR - 26 APR 1990	FALLON, NV
27 APR - 30 APR 1990	NORVA
01 MAY - 07 MAY 1990	NORVA
08 MAY - 15 MAY 1990	CVN-71 REFTRA
16 MAY - 20 MAY 1990	INPORT - FT. LAUDERDALE, FL
21 MAY - 24 MAY 1990	CVN-71 TIGER CRUISE
25 MAY - 31 MAY 1990	NORVA
01 JUN - 19 JUN 1990	NORVA
20 JUN - 30 JUN 1990	CVN-71 ADVANCED PHASE
01 JUL - 27 JUL 1990	CVN-71 ADVANCED PHASE
28 JUL - 31 JUL 1990	NORVA
01 AUG - 31 AUG 1990	NORVA
01 SEP - 23 SEP 1990	NORVA
24 SEP - 27 SEP 1990	AEGIS SUPPORT - BRUNSWICK, ME
28 SEP - 30 SEP 1990	NORVA

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01 OCT - 09 OCT 1990	NORVA
10 OCT - 19 OCT 1990	CVN-71 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL
20 OCT - 29 OCT 1990	NORVA
30 OCT - 31 OCT 1990	CVN-71 FLEETEX
01 NOV - 19 NOV 1990	CVN-71 FLEETEX
20 NOV - 30 NOV 1990	NORVA
01 DEC - 27 DEC 1990	NORVA
28 DEC - 31 DEC 1990	CVN-71 DESERT SHIELD/STORM CRUISE

BEAR ACE HISTORY UPDATE 1990

The "Bear Aces" of VAW-124 began 1990 in their homeport of NAS Norfolk, VA. The Bear Aces were tasked for the initial Shakedown Cruise of the Navy's newest carrier USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72). After almost a month at sea, the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) pulled into FT. Lauderdale, Florida on 16 February for four days of liberty. There, Bear Ace family members joined the ship for the four day "Tiger Cruise" back to Norfolk.

On 9 March, VAW-124 returned to it's own USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) for a week long Air Wing CQ period. The remainder of March was spent providing range surveillance for a VF-84 MISSILEX as well as preparing for a three week detachment to NAS Fallon, Nevada where the Bear Aces provided strike support and improved our ability to operate in an overland environment while accomplishing a 73.1% FMC sortie completion rate.

On 8 May, the Bear Aces returned aboard the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) for REFTRA in the Puerto Rico OPAREA. Once again, the ship pulled into FT. Lauderdale for four days and more Bear Ace family members were able to experience Navy life first-hand. We closed out the month with an Air Wing MISSILEX on 24 May.

The Bear Aces provided aerial coverage for Camp David, Maryland during the Summit meetings between President Bush and Soviet President Gorbachev on 2 June. Two days later, VAW-124 provided support for the sea trials of USS NORMANDY (CG-60).

VAW-124 left Norfolk on 20 June for Advanced Phase aboard the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71). This Advanced Phase was marked by the first visit by a U. S. Navy ship in fifteen years to the country of Trinidad and Tobago. After returning home on 28 July, the Bear Aces continued training in the local area. A VAW-124 detachment was sent to Brunswick, Maine to provide Aegis support in late August and mid September for USS CHOSINS (CG-65) and USS COWPENS (CG-63).

Workups continued with FLEETEX in October and November where the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) and USS AMERICA (CV-66) operated jointly in the Puerto Rico OPAREA. A highlight was a combined CVW-8/CVW-1 MISSILEX in which 30 air-to-air missiles were expended. The Bear Aces returned to Norfolk on 19 November in preparation for what appeared to be an uncertain deployment.

On 3 December, VAW-124 sent an advance detachment to Bahrain to provide badly needed AEW coverage in the Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield. On 28 December, the Bear Aces deployed with CVW-8 aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) for what eventually became Operation Desert Storm.

Statistics

a. Milestones

Flight Hours for CY 1990: 2,353.6

Completed 19.5 years of accident-free flying as of July 1990, over 38,500 hours.

b. Performance Statistics

1. Mission Capable Rate (MC): 75.1%
2. Full Mission Capable Rate (FMC): 62.4%
3. A799 Rate: 4.7%
4. FOD Incidents: 0
5. Sortie Completion Rate: 99%